

Association of University and College Employees

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Editor
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Campus Mail

Dear Ms. or Mr.,

I am writing with respect to the article entitled "Students Surprised at Admin Raises" which was published on the front page of the November 19th issue of the Ubysey, in which I was inaccurately quoted. I would request that you publish this letter as a matter of courtesy as it will serve as a retraction.

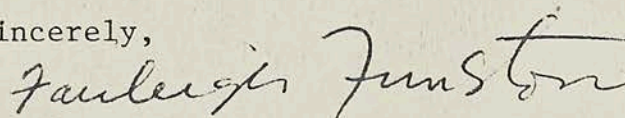
In the final paragraph of the above mentioned article you made reference to a statement allegedly made or rather implied (you failed to use quotation marks which would indicate that the author was not reporting verbatim statements) by myself as spokeswoman for AUCE Local #1. Whether the statement was meant to be implicit or explicit it is certainly contrary to any of the statements I made over the telephone to your reporter.

Firstly, when I was approached on this issue I maintained that AUCE concerned themselves with corresponding groups, employees at other Universities, when drawing up proposals for increases in wages and that we were not overly concerned with what the big brass received. I also told the reporter that we did not discuss the increases recently received by the President and Vice Presidents and that our Union had no opinions to render on the subject. The only time during our conversation that the amount of \$2400.00 was mentioned was when the reporter asked me if it was true that that amount was the maximum allowed for under the AIB guidelines - to which I answered yes.

To reiterate AUCE's position on the AIB guidelines it can be simply said that we are opposed to them. We do not consider them to be a fair criterion for establishing wage increases, whether they be increases received by labor or management. The statement published *'the increase was within the guidelines and the union would therefore consider it reasonable'* is certainly not my statement, nor sentiments. As a Union representative I do not feel that the restrictions placed on Canada's working people by the AIB are in any way reasonable in light of the quasi restraints placed on prices. But that's a whole different ball game that I could write a few pages on so I'll spare you.

In closing I would appreciate it if in the future your paper's reporting was more objective than subjective. I ask this as a student as well as a member of staff, and as you referred to me as a spokeswoman. There are fourteen hundred members of AUCE Local #1 and misquotations lead to misrepresentation of a lot of people in the University community.

Sincerely,



Fairleigh Funston, Union Organizer